

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Robin Wilson, Trustees Eric Cartier, John Scatena. Absent: Mayor Laureen Tackman and Trustee Trevor Maughan.

Also present, Heidi Thompkins, Tug Hill

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Deputy Mayor Wilson at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter sent the following report given by Heidi Thompkins

This month, I'm in Albion, Orwell, and Pulaski, while Heidi is in Cleveland and Central Square.

Status update: the MRB Group economic resilience and recovery plan process continues to move forward. The steering committee on Wednesday, September 20 was a success. The next two steps in the process are the surveys of the North Shore communities, and the first public meeting looking for public input has been scheduled for Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. at A.A. Cole Elementary School in Constantia. Following, see the press release about the public meeting

The business survey is available at [www.tinyurl.com/norcogbusiness](http://www.tinyurl.com/norcogbusiness) .

The community survey can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/norcogcommunity](http://www.tinyurl.com/norcogcommunity) .

Each survey is brief – nine questions long.

Links to both surveys, and to more information on the study, are available on the norcog.org website under "Projects and Reports."

The Tug Hill Commission annual dinner and celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is this month, on Thursday, October 19 at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar. The registration deadline was Friday, October 5, so I hope you're registered, and I look forward to seeing you in Altmar on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

At last month's meeting, the village asked for what comparisons there might be for villages. I am pleased to attach such a comparison as was compiled by the Tug Hill Commission in 2022. Please feel free to make additional copies as is useful.

There will be a roundtable discussion on developing and financing municipal infrastructure on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. in Glenfield. I have attached the flyer with further information.

**PAY BILLS:** Deputy Mayor Wilson made a motion to pay October abstract #5, vouchers #219-266 for \$57,178.58, Water project voucher 43-45 for \$120,265.33 and the treasurer's report, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**FISCAL ADVISORS:** The Clerk discussed the proposal from Fiscal Advisors to contract with them to advise on financial matters such as bonding and special funding matters. The Village previously used their services. Currently with the water project financing wrapping up and the pending joint sewer project, the Mayor and the Clerk felt it best to bring in professionals to advise the board on these matters. Deputy Mayor Wilson made a motion to approve the signing of the contract for \$150.00/hr. on an as needed basis, seconded by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

**5 BEACH ROAD CLEAN UP:** After a load of tires was illegally dumped at this property, the Code Enforcement officer contacted Legislator Reehil as to how the Village could go about cleaning up this property. There have been several complaints from neighbors regarding the sanitary conditions of the property. Legislator Reehil contacted the County Treasurer to work out a solution to abate the issues, such as reduced tipping fees for the clean-up. Deputy Mayor Wilson made a motion to allow the clean up of 5 Beach Road by the DPW/Code Enforcement, boarding up windows and removing waste and tires, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

**DPW REPORT:** Shaun House submitted following report read by Trustee Cartier:

**Highway**

Sand hauled 5 loads

Salt ordered 140 ton

Rex Roth service will be out the end of October to attempt to reprogram spreading software on western star.

3 loads of number 2 stone. Hauled for stock.

Culvert job completed on factory street 7 feet added to effluent side 6 feet added to influent side of pipe to establish a correction zone (per Cornell roads)

Leaf sucking will start on the 19th and will continue on Thursdays and Fridays until completed.

Paving will be completed this week.

We will have the small truck ready to plow by Halloween and the large truck will ready by the 15th of November, the Yarmar tractor for sidewalks will get its 50 hour factory service this month and snowblower will go on.

Tyler has successfully completed bucket truck training and can now use a bucket truck from the town of Vienna.

## **Water**

David, Shaun and Tyler have completed class B water training and will be applying for our 1B water license as our system is on the limit of a C license now user wise (limit is 1000 users on a C). Tyler also completed class C water training and will be applying for his C license.

All samples collected and passed.

Highlander will be on site soon to complete some restoration. Install pitiless adapter in new well and install production pump.

We will be inspecting fire hydrants in our spare time while we do inspections of grinder pump stations center street has been completed and as time allows and we will be on foot doing this.

The chlorine room is almost finished in the well house. The DPW crew is doing this project to save taxpayer money. This was recommended by the department of Health and Don Ballway (Scada system engineer)

## **Sewer**

Worked at the plant to clean tanks. Plant 2 was put online for cleaning. This was a very successful job by our crew. We received an estimate on the job to be completed by a company was \$20k.

Dec officer assigned Valerie Ellis was on site for annual inspection. She seemed very happy and will have a positive report to the village board soon.

Enclosure will go on number 1 clarifier mid-November to prevent freezing.

We are currently exploring options to get a large batch of grinder pumps replaced.

Trustee Scatena commended the DPW the cleaning of plant 2 and saving the village so much money. He would like to see if we could reward them for going above and beyond in the work and saving so much money.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Fire Chief House submitted the following report read by Deputy Mayor Wilson. 28 total calls, 3 structure fires, 1 vegetation fire, 9 EMS calls, 2 rescues, 1 MVA, 2 hazardous conditions, 2 service calls, 1 false alarm, 7 cancelled enroute, 4 mutual-aid given, 1 mutual aid received. 4 CFR and 3 EMT enrollments. The boat will come out of the water in mid-October. New 451 chassis should be in by mid-February.

**CELL TOWER:** Trustee Scatena stated he reached out several times to TWC/Spectrum regarding utilizing the cell tower for coverage. He has not had any luck in contacting them. Heidi suggested he contact Northland Communications since they are somewhat of a communications broker to see if they can assist. Next meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>.

At 6:47pm, Deputy Mayor Wilson made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.